

City of Algoma  
**Community Development Committee Minutes**  
November 16, 2015

The regular meeting of the Community Development Committee was called to order by the chairman in compliance with open meeting laws at 6:00 pm on Monday, November 16, at City Hall. Present were Bruce Charles (chairman), Jodi Zimmerman, John Pabich, Bob Davis, Shawn Olson, Russ Ritchie and Ron Welch. City Administrator Jeff Wiswell was also present.

Moved by John, second by Russ: to approve the agenda as published. Motion carried.

Moved by Russ, second by Jodi: to approve the October 19, 2015 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

The financial report was reviewed. There were no bills to approve.

The committee discussed the 2016 CDC budget as currently being considered by the Common Council. There was a consensus to formally discuss proposing changes in the accommodation tax structure at the next regular meeting, including raising the tax from 6% to 8% and increasing the city allotment to 30%. Economic development activities that can be accomplished without funding will also be discussed at the next meeting.

The committee briefly considered various options for future meetings. The month of the next meeting will be determined as an agenda item at each regular meeting.

John discussed the placement of the Ahnapee River on the Wisconsin Impaired Waters List for excessive phosphorous levels and encouraged the committee members to submit comments to the DNR by the Nov. 25 deadline. It is important that the state assign the highest priority to creating and implementing a plan to reduce phosphorous in the Ahnapee River.

The city administrator updated the committee on the status of the lighthouse acquisition, hotel project and CDBG planning grant.

Moved by Jodi, second by Bob: to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

The next regular committee meeting is Monday, December 21, at 6p.m., in City Hall.